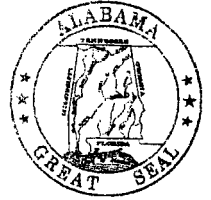


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Dear David

I am writing to you to provide my comments regarding the Advanced Notice on Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) to evaluate whether limited and specific changes or guidance to the existing Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) Federal Consistency Regulations are needed.

As a participant in the Federal and State coastal management partnership, it has been Alabama's experience that the federal consistency provisions of this state's Coastal Area Management Program have been implemented effectively, efficiently, and consistent with Federal law, regulation, and programmatic intent. Continued or increased effectiveness is contingent upon implementing a process already provided for in the existing regulations. If a deficiency is sensed by either the Federal or State partner, or by the regulated community affected by the decision-making process, it is recommended that the existing rules be enabled to work and that the involved parties place emphasis on resolving the conflicts using existing mechanisms. Therefore, I would suggest that no changes to the rules or the process necessary to undertake their implementation is necessary. Further, the federal consistency rules were last changed less than two years ago and to initiate rule changes at this time is untimely and unwarranted.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal. Please call if you have questions or need of additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. Gane".

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